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Y'all -

As always, thank you so much for continuing to help prepare a monthly update on the San Jacinto site for elected officials. Last month's report is below. Please send me your updated input, with activities in November and projected activities in December, by COB Friday, 12/2.

I. Community Outreach (DONN)

EPA, Harris County and other site stakeholders participated in the Community Awareness Committee on October 19, 2011, to review recent site developments and plan for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) activities.

II. Source Stabilization (VAL)

On October 12, the EPA sent comments to respondents for revision of the draft final construction report for the time critical removal action at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits site. The draft document is currently under review by the EPA and is anticipated to be completed by November 30, 2011.

III. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) (GARY)

The Port of Houston Authority and EPA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement on October 26, 2011, to establish a cooperative relationship between governmental entities to enhance efforts in the SJRWP cleanup.

The Respondents are currently implementing the field sampling plans for the Fate & Transport Model Study, including the collection of upstream sediment load and current velocity data. Data from recently collected soil samples from residential properties on both the east and west sides of the San Jacinto River show that dioxin levels are significantly less than the level considered protective for residential exposure. Finally, the EPA, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and other agencies met with the respondents regarding additional sampling in the southern impoundment, and the final sampling program is now being developed.

IV. Watershed Management (SHARON/KAREN/JESSICA F.)

EPA continues to coordinate with the Port of Houston Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District and the TCEQ. TCEQ envisions completing the total maximum daily load for Buffalo Bayou with regard to dioxin/furan by the end of 2012 and will put together a monitoring and implementation plan to reduce levels in Buffalo Bayou to within national background levels.

V. Enforcement (JESSICA H./ANNE)

The potentially responsible party (PRP) group continues to conduct the RI/FS under the Unilateral Administrative Order. With regards to the time-critical removal action, respondents have finished the capping work and have submitted the final report as required by the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). Respondents continue to work towards resolving the outstanding issue of stipulated penalties resulting from prior noncompliance with the AOC.

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